

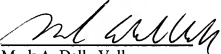
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Claims 25-31 and 33 were pending in this case. Claim 33 has been cancelled hereinabove.

Claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Joffe (US006330584B1) in view of Krishna (US006161173A). This rejection is respectfully traversed as being moot in view of the cancellation, made without prejudice and for the purpose of expediting this application (filed more than ten years ago), of this claim.

Claims 25-31 are allowed and are the sole remaining claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and early allowance is hereby requested.

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